



ANNA's Federal Legislative Agenda 116th Congress (1st Session 2019-2020)

FY 2020 Appropriations Requests

- **The Nursing Workforce Development Programs** help meet the nation's demand for nursing services by addressing all aspects of nursing education, practice, recruitment, and retention. It will include workforce diversity grants, loan programs, scholarship programs, education programs, and retention programs. **ANNA supports the Nursing Community's request of at least \$266 million in funding for HRSA's Nursing Workforce Development Programs for FY 2020.**
- **The National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK)** is the fifth largest institute at the NIH. It supports basic and clinical research on kidney development and disease, including the causes of kidney disease and its progression to End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD). **ANNA supports the Friends of NIDDK funding request of \$2.165 billion for NIDDK.**
- **The National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR)** conducts clinical and basic research and research training encompassing health promotion, disease prevention, quality of life, health disparities, and end of life care. NINR seeks to expand nursing science by integrating biological and behavioral sciences, applying new technologies to address research questions, improving research methods, and developing scientists of the future. **ANNA supports the Nursing Community Coalition's request of \$173 million for NINR.**
- **The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)** funds the research that generates data to monitor the health care landscape. AHRQ's research helps ensure the pipeline of new medical findings reaches health care providers and provides them with the tools and training they need to use those findings every day in the care of patients. **ANNA supports the Friends of AHRQ request of \$460 million in funding for AHRQ.**
- **KidneyX** is a public-private partnership designed to facilitate research and development into alternative methods of diagnosing, preventing, and treating kidney disease. The KidneyX program conducts research intended to provide renal failure patients with more treatment options. **ANNA supports the kidney community's request of \$25 million in the FY 2020 LHHS bill. This request would match the funding from the private sector for this initiative.**

Authorizing Legislation

- **The Living Donor Protection Act of 2019 (H.R. 1224/S. 511)** aims at protecting living organ donors while promoting organ donation. The legislation would prohibit insurance companies from denying, adjusting, or limiting coverage for living organ donors. It will also include living organ donation as a serious health condition for private and civil service employees. **ANNA encourages Members of Congress to cosponsor the Living Donor Protection Act of 2019 (H.R. 1224/S. 511).**
- **The Home Health Care Planning Improvement Act of 2019 (H.R. 2150/S. 296)** would allow Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) to certify home health plans for Medicare patients. This legislation would ensure that beneficiaries have timely access to the home health care they need in states where APRNs are licensed to provide such services. **ANNA encourages Members of Congress to cosponsor the Home Health Care Planning Improvement Act of 2019 (H.R. 2150/S. 296).**
- **The Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act of 2019 (H.R. 728/S. 1399)** reaffirms our commitment to educating and training nurses as vital components of our health care teams. This version takes the following steps to improve the Title VIII programs: (1) recognizes all four APRN roles; (2) includes clinical nurse leaders; and (3) defines nurse-managed health clinics. **ANNA encourages Members of Congress to cosponsor the Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act of 2019 (H.R. 728/S. 1399).**
- **The Chronic Kidney Disease Improvement in Research and Treatment Act of 2019 (S. 1676)** improves the understanding of and promotes access to the treatment of chronic kidney disease and End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD). The bill will increase the Medicare kidney disease education benefit, add nephrology health professionals to the National Health Service Corps Scholarship and Loan Repayment programs, and maintain an economically stable dialysis infrastructure. **ANNA encourages Members of Congress to cosponsor the Chronic Kidney Disease Improvement in Research and Treatment Act of 2019 (S. 1676/H.R. 3912).**
- **The United States Cadet Nurse Corps Service Recognition Act (H.R. 2056/S. 997)** provides overdue recognition of the nearly 120,000 nurses who served honorably serving in military and Veterans Administration hospitals during World War II. In spite of their contribution to our country Nurse Corps members are not eligible for the same types of recognition as other civilian and military groups that served. **ANNA joins with Nursing Community Coalition in urging Members of Congress to cosponsor the United States Cadet Nurse Corps Service Recognition Act (H.R. 2056/S. 997).**